NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT

TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the sole named defendant, Command Security Corporation doing business as CSC Security Services ("Defendant") hereby removes the above-entitled action from the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange to the United States District Court for the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1332, 1441, and 1453. Defendant removes on its own behalf on the grounds set forth below. The removal of this action terminates all proceedings in the Superior Court for the County of Orange pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d). Defendant's removal of this civil action is based on the following:

**The State Court Action** 

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1. On May 3, 2011 Plaintiff Thais Logan ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself and a putative class, filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange, entitled Thais Logan, Individually and on Behalf of Other Members of the Public Similarly Situated, Plaintiffs, vs. Command Security Corporation, doing business as CSC Security Services, and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive, Defendants, which has been assigned Case No. 30-2011-00472660-CU-OE-CXC (the "State Court Action"). On June 2, 2011, Defendant was served with (i) a Summons; (ii) the Complaint; (iii) a civil case cover sheet; (iv) a notice of case assignment for all purposes, notice of case management conference and complex case, (v) notice re: bookmarking of exhibits on electronically filed documents, (vi) notice of new procedures for expedited jury trials in civil case, and (vii) an alternative dispute resolution information packet. Defendant in the State Court Action also received a copy of Plaintiffs' Peremptory Challenge Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6; Declaration of

Gregory Mauro in Support Thereof. Defendant in the State Court Action also filed its Answer to Unverified Complaint. True and correct copies of the foregoing documents, which constitute all of the process, pleadings, and orders received by Defendant in the State Court Action, and, to Defendant's knowledge, all copies of the process, pleadings, and orders filed in the State Court Action, are collectively attached hereto as Exhibit 1. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).

2. Defendant is informed and believes that no "Doe" defendant has been served with a Summons or the Complaint. Accordingly, all named and served defendants have joined in this Notice of Removal.

3. Plaintiff filed the State Court Action on behalf of herself and a putative class of "[a]ll persons who have been employed by Command Security Corporation in a non-exempt security guard/officer position within the State of California at any time between May 2, 2007 through the trial date." Exhibit 1: Complaint page 6, ¶31. Plaintiff alleges that she and such putative class are entitled to one hour's additional pay at the employee's respective regular rate of compensation for each work day that an off duty meal period of at least 30 uninterrupted minutes was not provided, and also are entitled to one hour's additional pay at such rate for each work day that a rest period of at least ten uninterrupted minutes per four hours of work or major fraction thereon was not provided (i.e., up to two such additional hours' pay per workday). Exhibit 1: Complaint pages 10-12, ¶¶ 44-50, and 51-57. In addition, Plaintiff alleges that she and such putative class are entitled to penalties under Labor Code Section 226 of up to \$4,000 per employee. Exhibit 1: Complaint pages 12-13, ¶¶ 58-61.

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## Removal Pursuant To The Class Action Fairness Act

4. This Court has original jurisdiction over the State Court Action pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(d) and 28 U.S.C. Section 1453. As more specifically set forth below: (a) the State Court Action is a proposed "class action" as defined in 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(d)(1)(B); (b) all members of the proposed class in the State Court Action are citizens of a state (California) different from the state where Defendant (the sole served defendant) is a citizen (New York); and (c) the amount in controversy is in excess of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

### The State Court Action Is A Proposed Class Action

5. The State Court Action is a proposed "class action," defined by 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(d)(1)(B) as "any civil action filed under rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or similar State statute or rule of judicial procedure authorizing an action to be brought by 1 or more representative persons as a class action." The Complaint alleges that the State Court Action is a class action under California law, specifically, California Code of Civil Procedure Section 382. Exhibit 1: Complaint pages 1-3 and 6-10, ¶¶ 1-7 and 31-43.

## Minimal Diversity

6. 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(d)(2)(A) provides that, assuming the amount-in-controversy requirement is satisfied, federal district courts have original jurisdiction over class actions in which "any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant."

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- "An individual is a citizen of the state in which he is domiciled . . ." 7. Boon v. Allstate Ins. Co., 229 F. Supp. 2d 1016, 1019 (C.D. Cal. 2002) (citation omitted). For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, citizenship is determination by the individual's domicile at the time that the lawsuit is filed. Lew v. Moss, 797 F. 2d 747, 750 (9th Cir. 1986).
- 8. Under CAFA, for purposes of determining diversity of citizenship, "a limited partnership or a corporation is a citizen of (1) the state under whose laws it is organized or incorporated; and (2) the state of its 'principal place of business.' 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1)." Davis v. HSBC Bank Nevada, N.A., 557 F. 3d 1026, 1028 (9th Cir. 2009).
- 9. Principal place of business for purposes of diversity jurisdiction is determined using the "nerve center" test. Hertz Corp. v. Friend, 130 S. Ct. 1181, 1183, 175 L. Ed. 2d 1029, 1032 (2010). Under the "nerve center" test, the principal place of business is "the place where the corporation's high level officers direct, control, and coordinate the corporation's activities." Id. The nerve center "should normally be the place where the corporation maintains its headquarters – provided that the headquarters is the actual center of direction, control, and coordination." Id. at 1184. The Supreme Court emphasized in Hertz that the "nerve center test" should be one of "administrative simplicity." Id.
- 10. Here, "minimal diversity" exists, because the proposed class of plaintiffs are citizens of California, and Defendant (the sole served defendant) is a citizen of New York.
- 11. Plaintiffs allege that all of the members of the proposed class were, as of the date of the filing of the Complaint in the State Court Action, working in

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finance, strategy, information systems, legal, and communications work(ed) out of,

Defendant's headquarters and principal nation-wide operations center, both located

in New York. Sagginario Decl. page 2 ¶ 4.

	14.	Under CAFA, minimal diversity is all that is required. 28 U.S.C.
§ 1	1332(d)(2)	(A) (federal district courts have original jurisdiction over class actions
in	which "ar	ny member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from
an	y defenda	nt").

## Amount In Controversy

- "In any class action, the claims of the individual class members shall 15. be aggregated to determine whether the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6).
- 16. Here, the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs. 28 U.S.C. 1332(d)(2).
- 17. As set forth in the Sagginario Decl., filed concurrently with this Notice of Removal, even one-half of the additional pay sought by Plaintiff and the putative class for allegedly untaken, unprovided or interrupted off duty meal periods and rest periods in the putative class claim period from May 2, 2007 exceeds \$5,000,000. Sagginario Decl. pages 2-3 ¶¶ 58.
- 18. In addition, Plaintiff alleges that she and the putative class are entitled to Labor Code Section 226 penalties of up to \$4,000 per class member, a claim that would generate up to another \$2,000,000 in alleged damages or penalties by Plaintiff and the putative class. Sagginario Decl. page 3 ¶ 8.
- 19. In addition, Plaintiff and the putative class seek attorneys' fees. Exhibit. 1: Complaint page 15 ¶ 13; see Lowdermilk v. United States Bank Nat'1

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Assoc., 479 F. 3d 994, 1000 (9th Cir. 2007) (attorneys' fees may be considered in 1 2 calculating amount in controversy for purposes of diversity jurisdiction). 3 4 20. Moreover, while there is no uncertainty about the alleged damages or 5 penalties sought by Plaintiff and the putative class in this case, "[when] a federal court is uncertain about whether 'all matters in controversy' in a purported class 6 7 action 'do not in the aggregate exceed the sum or value of \$5,000,000,' the court 8 should err in favor of exercising jurisdiction over the case." Yeroushalmi, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39331, \*19 (quotation marks and citations omitted). 10 11 There Are No Applicable Exceptions To Jurisdiction Under CAFA 12 21. 13 None of the exceptions to this Court's original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) apply to the State Court Action:1 14 15 16 (a) The so-called "local controversy" exception (28 U.S.C. 17 Section 1332(d)(4)(A)) does not apply. Defendant, the sole served defendant, is not a citizen of California, the state in which the State Court Action was originally 18 19 filed. 20 21 (b) The so-called "home-state controversy" exception (28) U.S.C. Section 1332(d)(4)(B)) does not apply. Again, Defendant, the sole served 22 23 Defendants allege these facts for purposes of completeness, but are under no obligation to do so. Proof that the exceptions to this Court's original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(d) do not apply is not part of a removing defendant's prima facie case. Serrano v. 180 Connect, Inc., 478 F. 3d 1018, 1023 (9th Cir. 2007). A party seeking remand bears the burden to prove the exceptions. See id. at 1024 (once the prima facie elements for removal have been shown, "the 24 25 26 27 objecting party bears the burden of proof as to the applicability of any express statutory exception under §§ 1332(d)(4)(A) and (B)").

Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP defendant, is not a citizen of California, the state in which the State Court Action was originally filed.

22. The exceptions contained in 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(d)(5) do not apply. Defendant, the sole served defendant is not a State, a State official, or other government entity, and the proposed class is more numerous than 100 members. Sagginario Decl., page  $3 \, \P \, 6$ .

## Removal Pursuant To 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(a)

23. As an independent and alternative ground for removal, this Court has original jurisdiction over the State Court Action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(a), on the basis that: (a) "complete diversity" exists, as the Plaintiffs and all of the members of the proposed class are citizens of California, and Defendant, the sole served defendant, is a citizens of New York (see ¶¶ 7-14, supra); (b) the amount in controversy on the Plaintiff's' claims alone are in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, as against Defendant; and (c) this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the claims of the remaining putative class members, including those whose claims may be less than the jurisdictional minimum. Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Allapattah Servs., 545 U.S. 546, 549, 566-567, 125 S. Ct. 2611, 2615, 2625, 162 L. Ed. 2d 502, 514-515, 525-526 (2005). Accordingly, in addition to removal pursuant to CAFA, Defendant is entitled to removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1332(a) and 1441(a).

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## Complete Diversity

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24. 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(a)(1) provides that, assuming the amount-incontroversy requirement is satisfied, federal district courts have original jurisdiction over actions between "citizens of different States."

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25. As explained above "complete diversity" exists, as the Plaintiffs and all of the members of the proposed class are citizens of California, and Defendant, the sole served defendant, is a citizens of New York (see ¶¶ 7-14, supra).

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Assuming complete diversity is satisfied, "[t]he district courts shall 26. have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1).

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27. "[T]he claims of unnamed class members in a diversity class action need not satisfy the amount-in-controversy requirement." Gibson v. Chrysler Corp., 261 F. 3d 927, 934 (9th Cir. 2001). And, "there is supplemental jurisdiction over the claims of unnamed class members when the claim of an individual named plaintiff satisfies the amount-in-controversy." Id. at 940.

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28. Of course, Defendant denies that, by any acts or omissions, it has violated any law, including but not limited the California statutes mentioned in the Complaint. However, for purposes of determining the amount in controversy herein, Plaintiff seeks an additional two hours pay per workday for allegedly untaken, unprovided or interrupted meal periods and rest periods.

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29. Plaintiffs also seek attorneys' fees. Exhibit 1: Complaint page 15 ¶ 13 of the Prayer.

"'[W]here an underlying statute authorizes an award of attorneys' 30. fees, either with mandatory or discretionary language, such fees may be included in the amount in controversy." Guglielmino v. McKee Foods Corporation, 506 F. 3d 696, 700 (9th Cir. 2007) (citations omitted).

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31. Here, Plaintiff will almost certainly claim that she would incur more than \$70,000 in attorneys' fees in prosecuting her claims, and also claim that she is entitled to \$4,000 in Labor Code Section 226 penalties, in addition to seeking at least \$3,800 for the alleged additional two extra hours of pay for each workday for untaken, unprovided or interrupted meal periods and rest periods. The jurisdictional amount in controversy accordingly is met with respect to Plaintiff.

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## **Procedural Requirements**

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This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days after 32. service of the Complaint on Defendant, the sole-served defendant, on June 2, 2011). Removal is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). See Murphy Bros. v. Michetti Pipe Stringing, 526 U.S. 344, 354, 119 S. Ct. 1322, 143 L. Ed. 2d 448 (1999) (finding time to remove begins from the date service is effectuated).

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33. The Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange is located in Orange County, which is embraced by the Southern Division of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Therefore, removal to the Central District, Southern Division, is proper. 28 U.S.C. section 1441(a).

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  - 34. A copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed with the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange and served upon all adverse parties as required by 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(d), and an appropriate notice of compliance with 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(d) also shall be served and filed in the above-entitled Court.
  - 35. The undersigned has read this Notice of Removal, and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, it is well-grounded in fact, is warranted by existing law, and is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly to increase the cost of litigation.
  - 36. By this Notice of Removal Defendants do not admit that Plaintiffs' allegations have any merit whatsoever, and expressly reserve the right to challenge all such allegations on any and all grounds available.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, the sole-served defendant, hereby removes the above-entitled civil action from the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange to this Court.

Dated: June 30, 2011

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

STEVEN M. SCHNEIDER MITCHELL SILBERBERG & KNUPP LLP

By:

Steven M. Schneider Attorneys for Defendant

COMMAND SECURITY CORPORATION, doing business as CSC Security Services

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# EXHIBIT 1

SUMMONS

(CITACION JUDICIAL)



## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

COMMAND SECURITY CORPORATION, doing business as CSC SECURITY SERVICES, and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

THAIS LOGAN, Individually and on Behalf of Other Members of the Public Similarly Situated,

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FOR COURT USE DALY (SOLD PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

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Superior Court of California, County of Orange

05/03/2011 at 10:16:58 AM

Clerk of the Superior Court By Marit H Nordman, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Halp Center (www.courtinfo.cs.gow/self/lelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee walver form, if you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and properly may be taken without further waming from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away, it you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referrat service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these comprofit groups at the California Legal Services Wab site (www.lawhelpcelifornia, org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ce.gow/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The courts flen must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. JAVISOI to han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presenter una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una liamada telefónica no lo protegan. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto al desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haye un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrer estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centre de Ayuda de las Cortes de Celifornia (www.sucone.ca.gov), en la bible lesa de leyes de su condado o en la corte que la quede más cerca. Sin de Ayuda de pagar la cuota de presentación, pida el secretario de la corte que le quede más cerca. Sin o puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida el secretario de la corte que le que de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presente su respuesta e tiempo, puede perder el ceso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, se posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de Celifornia Legal Services, (www.swebelpcatiornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de Celifornia, (www.suconie.ca.gov) o poniente poe en contecto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene darecho a reclamar las cuotes y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un scuendo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogedo del demendante, o del demandante que no tiene abogedo, es): James Hawkins, APLC; 9880 Research Drive, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 926 | 8; Tel: 949 387-7200

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- 2. The "Class Period" is designated as the time from May 2, 2007 through the trial date, based upon the allegation that the violations of California's wage and hour laws, as described more fully below, have been ongoing since that time.
- During the Class Period, Defendants have had a consistent policy of failing to 3. authorize and permit members of the Plaintiff Class (including Plaintiffs) to take paid rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes per four (4) hours worked or major fraction thereof, and failing to pay such employees one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of compensation for each workday that the rest period was not provided, as required by California state wage and hour laws.
- 4. During the Class Period, Defendants have had a consistent policy of requiring members of the Plaintiff Class (including Plaintiffs) to work more than five (5) hours without providing them an uninterrupted, unrestricted meal period and failing to pay such employees one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of compensation for each workday that the meal period is not provided or provided after five (5) hours, as required by California sate wage and hour laws.
- 5. During the Class Period, Defendants have had a consistent policy of failing to provide full and accurate itemized statement of wages paid to members of the Plaintiff Class (including Plaintiffs).
- 6. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all proposed class members, bring this action pursuant to Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 204, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 512, and California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040 seeking unpaid rest and meal period compensation, penalties, injunctive and other equitable relief, and as well as for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and such other relief as may be available, all according to proof at trial.

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7. Pursuant to Business Code §§ 17200-17208, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all proposed class members, also seek injunctive relief and restitution of all benefits Defendants enjoyed as a result of the wage and hour violations alleged in this Complaint.

#### II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 8. This class action is brought pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §382. The monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceed the minimum jurisdiction limits of the California Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial.
- 9. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California Constitution Article VI \$10, which grants the California Superior Court original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other courts. The statutes under which this action is brought do not give jurisdiction to any other court.
- 10. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because, upon information and belief, each Defendant is either a resident of California, has sufficient minimum contacts in California, or otherwise intentionally avails itself of the California market so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California Courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 11. This Court also has jurisdiction in this matter because the individual claims of the members of the Classes herein are under the seventy-five thousand dollar (\$75,000.00) jurisdictional threshold for Federal Court and the aggregate claim, including attorneys' fees, is under the five million dollar (\$5,000,000.00) threshold of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005. Further, there is no federal question at issue, as the issues herein are based solely on California statutes and law, including the Labor Code, IWC Wage Orders, CCP, California Civil Code ("CC") and B&PC.
- Venue is proper in this Court because upon information and belief, one or more of 12. the Defendants, reside, transact business, or have offices in this County and the acts or omissions alleged herein took place in this County.

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#### III. PARTIES

13. This Class Action is maintained on behalf of a class of past and present employees of CSC who have been and/or now are employed as non-exempt security guards/officers within the State of California.

- 14. During the Class Period, plaintiff Thais Logan ("Logan") is employed by CSC in a non-exempt security guard/officer position.
- 15. In said position, Plaintiff was permitted to work and did work, during the Class Period, four (4) hours or a major fraction thereof, without being authorized and permitted to take a minimum ten minute paid rest period for every four (4) hours or a major fraction thereof worked, and without being compensated one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of compensation for each workday that a rest period was not afforded.
- 16. In said position, Plaintiff was and is permitted to work and did work, during the Class Period, shifts exceeding five (5) hours without being provided an uninterrupted, unrestricted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, and without being compensated one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of compensation for each workday that a meal period was not afforded.
- 17. Plaintiff was not paid the correct amount of wages due, as required under California law during the course of her employment with CSC. Plaintiff has been injured by the illegal practices and conduct alleged herein. Plaintiff's claims under California law are similar to and typical of the claims of the members of the Plaintiff Class.

#### B. DEFENDANTS

- 18. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant COMMAND SECURITY CORPORATION, doing business as CSC SECURITY SERVICES, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive (collectively "CSC" and/or "Defendants") were business entities qualified to and doing business in the State of California.
- 19. CSC directly or indirectly employs, and since May 2, 2007 has employed and/or exercised control over the wages, hours and/or working conditions of Plaintiff and members of the

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Plaintiff Class employed by CSC in non-exempt security guard/officer positions within California.

- 20. Those Defendants identified as DOES I through 10, inclusive, are and were, at all relevant times mentioned herein, officers, directors, partners, and/or managing agents of or more of the other defendants. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all relevant times mentioned herein, each of the Defendants identified as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive. employed and/or exercised control over the wages, hours and/or working conditions of Plaintiffs and members of the Plaintiff Class at various locations in California.
- 21. The true names and capacities of those Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are currently unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sues Defendants by such fictitious names under Code of Civil Procedure § 474. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that each of the Defendants designated herein as a DOE is legally responsible in some manner for the unlawful acts referred to herein. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of the Defendants designated hereinafter as "DOES" when such identities become known.
- 22. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants acted in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent or employee of the other Defendants. carried out a joint scheme, business plan or policy in all respects pertinent hereto, and therefore the acts of each of the Defendants are legally attributable to the other Defendants. Defendants in all respects acted as the Employer and/or joint Employer of Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class.

#### IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 23. CSC hires hourly employees who work as security guards/officers throughout California. These employees work in non-exempt positions and have not been provided paid "rest periods" for work periods of four (4) hours or major fractions thereof, or off duty "meal periods" for work shifts in excess of five (5) hours, and were not compensated one hour's wages in lieu thereof.
  - At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff, and the members of the Plaintiff Class, were 24.

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- Plaintiff, and the members of the Plaintiff Class, were regularly required to work in excess of three and one-half (3½) hours without being permitted and authorized to take a paid rest period and were regularly required to work in excess of five (5) hours per day, without being provided an off duty meal period.
- CSC did not properly or fully compensate Plaintiffs for the failure to provide rest 26. periods and meal periods during the Class Period. CSC's requirement that Plaintiff work all hours at the regular rate of pay and work through meal and rest periods without paying one (1) hour of compensation for failure to provide rest or meal periods was willful and deliberate.
- CSC willfully failed to pay one (1) hour wages in lieu of rest and meal periods, 27. when each employee quit or was discharged.
- CSC willfully failed to provide itemized statements to security guard/officers employees setting forth all meal and rest period premium wages.
- CSC has failed to comply with Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage 29. Order 4-2001 by failing to maintain adequate time records showing when the employee began and ended each meal period.
- 30. Plaintiff is covered by California Industrial Welfare Commission Occupational Wage Order No. 4-2001, 4-2000, 4-1998, California Industrial Welfare Commission in No. 4 (Title 8 California Code of Regulations §§ 11040, 11070) or other applicable Wage Order(s).

#### V. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

31. Plaintiff brings this action as a Class Action pursuant to § 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure, on behalf of herself and on behalf of all persons proximately damaged by CSC's conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following "Plaintiff Class":

> All persons who have been employed by Command Security Corporation in a non-exempt security guard/officer position within the State of California at any time between May 2, 2007 through the trial date.

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- 32. Plaintiff reserves the right under Rule 1855(b), California Rules of Court, to amend or modify the class description with greater specificity or further division into subclasses or limitation to particular issues.
- 33. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action under the provisions of § 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure, because there is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the proposed class is easily ascertainable.

#### NUMEROSITY A.

- A class action is the only available method for the fair and efficient adjudication of 34. this controversy. The members of the proposed class are so numerous that joinder of all members would be impracticable, if not impossible, in that insofar as Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that CSC currently employs hundreds of security guards/officers in California and has employed thousands of other security guards/officers during the Class Period. The identity of the members of the class is readily ascertainable by review of CSC's records.
- 35. Accounting for employee turnover during the Class Period necessarily increases the number of potential class members substantially. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that CSC's employment records would provide information as to the number and location of all proposed class members. Joinder of all members of the proposed class is not practicable.

#### COMMONALITY B.

- The subject matter of this action, both as to factual matters and matters of law is **36.** such that there are common questions of law and fact among the class which predominate over questions affecting only individual members including, among other things, the following:
- Whether CSC violated Labor Code § 226.7, the applicable IWC Wage a. Orders, and California Code Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040 by failing to authorize and permit Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class to take paid rest periods for every four (4) hours or major fraction thereof worked and failing to compensate said employees one (1) hours wages in lieu of rest periods (and whether CSC's uniformly administered corporate policies and business practices encouraged the violation of said laws and regulations);

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- Whether CSC violated Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and California Code Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040 by failing to provide Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class meal periods on days they worked in excess of five (5) hours and failing to compensate said employees one (1) hour's wages in lieu of meal periods (and whether Defendants' uniformly administered corporate policies and business practices encouraged the violation of said laws and regulations);
- c. Whether CSC violated § 17200 et seq. of the Business & Professions Code by failing to provide meal periods to Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class;
- d. Whether CSC violated § 17200 et seq. of the Business & Professions Code by failing to permit and authorize Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class to take paid rest periods;
- Whether CSC violated § 17200 et seq. of the Business & Professions Code e. by failing to compensate Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class one (1) hour's wages in lieu of meal and/or rest periods;
- f. Whether Plaintiff and the members of the Plaintiff Class are entitled to equitable relief pursuant to Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq.;
- Whether CSC violated California Labor Code § 226 et seg, and all other g. applicable Labor Code sections and Wage Orders, by failing to provide accurate itemized wage statements by failing to include the meal and rest period premiums;

#### Ċ. TYPICALITY

The claims of the Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Plaintiff Class. The 37. claims of Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class arise out of and/or were caused by CSC's common course of conduct in violation of laws, regulations that have the force and effect of law, and statutes as alleged herein.

#### D. ADEQUACY OF REPRESENTATION

Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the 38. members of the proposed class. Counsel who represents Plaintiff is competent and experienced in

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litigating large employment class actions and there are no individualized defenses.

#### E. SUPERIORITY OF CLASS ACTION

- 39. A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Individual joinder of all proposed class members is not practicable, and questions of law and fact common to the proposed class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the proposed class. Each member of the proposed class has been damaged and is entitled to recovery by reason of CSC's illegal policy and/or practice of denying members of the Plaintiff Class rest periods and meal periods without legal compensation.
- 40. Class action treatment will allow those similarly situated persons to litigate their claims in the manner that is most efficient and economical for the parties and the judicial system. Plaintiff is unaware of any difficulties that are likely to be encountered in the management of this action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.
- 41. The California Labor Code and Wage Order provisions upon which Plaintiff bases her claims are broadly remedial in nature. These laws and labor standards serve as an important public interest in establishing minimum working conditions and standards in California. These laws and labor standards protect the average worker from exploitation by employers who may seek to take advantage of superior economic and bargaining power in setting onerous terms and conditions of employment. The nature of this action and the laws available to Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class she seeks to represent make a class action format a particularly efficient and appropriate procedure to redress the wrongs alleged herein.
- 42. This action involves a large corporate employer that employs hundreds of security guards/officers in the State of California each with a relatively small claim. If each employee were required to file an individual lawsuit, CSC would necessarily gain an unconscionable advantage as it would be able to exploit and overwhelm the limited resources of each individual plaintiff with CSC's vastly superior financial and legal resources. Requiring each class member to pursue an individual remedy would also discourage the assertion of lawful claims of employees who would

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be disinclined to file an action against their current/former employer for real and justifiable fear of retaliation and permanent damage to their careers and subsequent employment.

43. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Plaintiff Class identified herein, even if possible, would create a substantial risk of: (1) inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members against CSC which would establish potentially incompatible standards of conduct for CSC; and/or (2) adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Plaintiff Class identified herein which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other class members who are not parties to the adjudication or which substantially impair or impede the ability of the class members to protect their interest.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS OR COMPENSATION IN LIEU THEREOF (Against CSC and Does 1-10)

- Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates herein by reference each and every 44. allegation set forth in all above paragraphs, as though set forth herein in full.
- 45. At all relevant times, CSC was aware of and was under a duty to comply with California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, as well as the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission.
- Labor Code § 226.7 and the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare 46. Commission provide that if an employer fails to provide a non-exempt employee with an appropriate off duty meal period, the employer must pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each work day that the meal period is not provided.
- Pursuant to the policies and business practices of CSC, members of the Plaintiff Class, including Plaintiff, were not regularly provided adequate meal periods as required by California law and were not compensated by CSC for each work day that adequate meal periods were not provided.
- 48. CSC failed to provide members of the Plaintiff Class, including Plaintiff, with timely off duty meal periods of not less than thirty (30) minutes as required by the Labor Code

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49. By failing to regularly provide timely uninterrupted and unrestricted meal periods, during which members of the Plaintiff Class were relieved of all duty, CSC violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, as well as the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission.

50. As a direct and proximate result of CSC's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein, the members of the Plaintiff Class, including Plaintiff, are entitled to unpaid wages and interest pursuant to statute, all in a sum to be established at trial. As a further and direct result of CSC's unlaw ful conduct, as set forth herein, the members of the Plaintiff Class, including Plaintiff are entitled to recover various penalties as well as costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to statute, all in a sum to be established at trial.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

## OR PROVIDE COMPENSATION IN LIEU THEREOF (Against CSC and Does 1-100)

- Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference each and every allegation 51. set forth in all above paragraphs, as though fully set forth herein.
- At all relevant times, CSC was aware of and was under a duty to comply with 52. California Labor Code §§ 226.7, as well as the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission.
- Labor Code § 226.7 and the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare 53. Commission provide that if an employer fails to authorize and permit a non-exempt employee to take an appropriate paid rest period, the employer must pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each work day that the rest period is not provided.
- Pursuant to the policies and business practices of CSC, members of the Plaintiff 54. Class, including Plaintiff, were not regularly authorized and permitted by CSC to take adequate rest periods as required by California law and did not receive compensation for each work day that adequate rest periods were not authorized and permitted by CSC.

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- 55. CSC failed to provide members of the Plaintiff Class, including Plaintiff, with timely rest periods of not less than ten (10) minutes per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof worked as required by the Labor Code during the Class Period.
- 56. By failing to regularly provide uninterrupted rest periods, during which members of the Plaintiff Class were relieved of all duty, CSC violated California Labor Code § 226.7 as well as the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission.
- As a direct and proximate result of CSC's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein, the 57. members of the Plaintiff Class, including Plaintiff, are entitled to unpaid wages and interest pursuant to statute, all in a sum to be established at trial. As a further and direct result of CSC's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein, the members of the Plaintiff Class, including Plaintiff, are entitled to recover various penalties as well as costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to statute, all in a sum to be established at trial.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### FOR KNOWING AND INTENTIONAL FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITEMIZED EMPLOYEE WAGE STATEMENT PROVISIONS (Against CSC and Does 1-100)

- 58. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in all paragraphs above, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 59. California Labor Code § 226(a) states that every employer shall, semimonthly or at the time of each payment of wages, furnish each of his or her employees, either as a detachable part of the check, draft, or voucher paying the employee's wages, or separately when wages are paid by personal check or cash, an accurate itemized statement in writing showing substantial detailed information, including but not limited to, all hours worked and all rates of pay.
- 60. CSC failed to provide "accurate itemized statements" to employees because the wage statements failed to correctly state all items required by Labor Code § 226(a).
- 61. Plaintiffs and the members of the Plaintiff Class were damaged by CSC's failure to comply with the requirements of Labor Code § 226, and allege that such violations were knowing and willful. Pursuant to Labor Code § 226(e), Plaintiff and the members of the Plaintiff Class are

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#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### VIOLATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200 ET SEQ. (Against CSC and Does 1-100)

- 62. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in all above paragraphs, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- CSC has engaged in unfair business practices in California utilizing and engaging in 63. an unlawful pattern and practice of failing to pay properly employee compensation as previously described herein, including without limitation by not providing adequate meal periods and rest periods.
  - The acts complained herein occurred, at least, in part, during the Class Period. 64.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times relevant 65. herein. CSC has engaged in unlawful, deceptive, and unfair business practices prohibited by the Labor Code and Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. as alleged in the proceeding paragraphs, thereby depriving Plaintiff and the members of the Plaintiff Class the minimum working standards and conditions due them under the labor laws of California and the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders as described herein.
- CSC's use of such practices constituted and constitutes an unfair business practice, 66. unfair competition, and provides an unfair advantage over CSC's competitors in California.
- As a result of their unlawful acts and unfair business practices, CSC deprived Plaintiff and the members of the Plaintiff Class wages and benefits they legitimately earned and CSC has used these wages and benefits for its own use and advantage. CSC should be enjoined from this activity and ordered to restore to Plaintiff and the members of the Plaintiff Class their lost wages and benefits. The restitution includes all wages earned and unpaid, including interest thereon, all in an amount to be proven at trial.

#### RELIEF REQUESTED

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## WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

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That the Court determine that this action may be maintained as a class action or actions;

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2. That Plaintiff's attorneys be named class counsel;

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. That the Court declare that Defendants' policies and practices violate California 3. law, including but not limited to, the Labor Code;

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That the Court declare that Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 226, 226.7, and 512, the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040, and the applicable Wage Orders;

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5. That the Court declare that Defendants engaged in unfair competition in violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq.

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That the Court enter an order against Defendants for compensatory damages in an 6. amount according to proof with interest thereon;

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That the Court enter an order against Defendants for economic and/or special 7. damages in an amount according to proof with interest thereon;

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That the Court enter an order that each of the Defendants be ordered and enjoined to 8. make restitution to the Class(es) due to their unfair competition, including specifically the restitution of all the wages and benefits wrongfully retained by Defendants, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code §§ 17203 and 17204;

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That the Court enter an order against each of the Defendants enjoining each of them 9. from continuing the unlawful or unfair competition in violation of § 17200 as alleged herein;

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10. That the Court enter an order against each of the Defendants enjoining each of them from further acts of restraint of trade or unfair competition;

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11. That the Court enter an order against Defendants for premium wages pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226 and 226.7 and all other applicable Labor Code Sections;

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That the Court enter an order against Defendants imposing all statutory and/or civil 12.

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members o	of the Plaintiff Class reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and interest thereon;		
14. And all such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.			
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA. **COUNTY OF ORANGE CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER**

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#### **APPEARANCES**

There are no appearances by any party.

Each party who has not paid the Complex fee of \$ 550.00 as required by Government Code section 70616 shall pay the fee to the Clerk of the Court within 10 calendar days from date of this minute order. Failure to pay required fees may result in the dismissal of complaint/cross-complaint or the striking of responsive pleadings and entry of default.

The Court finds that this case is exempt from the case disposition time goals imposed by California Rule of Court, rule 3.714 due to exceptional circumstances and estimates that the maximum time required to dispose of this case will exceed twenty-four months due to the following case evaluation factors of California Rules of Court, rules 3.715 and 3.400: Case is Complex.

The Case Management Conference is scheduled for 07/06/2011 at 09:00 AM in Department CX102.

Plaintiff shall, at least 5 court days before the hearing, file with the Court and serve on all parties of record or known to Plaintiff a brief, objective summary of the case, its procedural status, the contentions of the parties and any special considerations of which the Court should be aware. Other parties who think it necessary may also submit similar summaries three court days prior to the hearing. DO NOT use the Case Management Statement form used for non-complex cases (Judicial Council Form CM-110).

This case is subject to mandatory electronic filling pursuant to Superior Court Rules, County of Orange, Rule 308. Plaintiff shall give notice of the Status Conference and the electronic filing requirement to all parties of record or known to plaintiff, and shall attach a copy of this minute order.

Clerk to give notice to Plaintiff and Plaintiff to give notice to all other parties.

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# NOTICE RE: BOOKMARKING OF EXHIBITS ON ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS

Effective March 1, 2011, all electronically filed law and motion documents must have all exhibits bookmarked. Law and motion documents submitted on and after March 1 that are not bookmarked will be returned to the submitting party for correction.

Bookmarking electronic documents complies with California Rules of Court, rule 3.1110 (f).



# Superior Court of California County of Orange

VIRGINIA DAVIDOW

CIVIL UNIT MANAGER

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## **ATTENTION ALL ATTORNEYS AND LITIGANTS**

NEW PROCEDURES for EXPEDITED JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES are available, effective January 3, 2011.

A Judicial Council Information Sheet is attached to your complaint.

Specific details about the new procedure can be found in California Code of Civil Procedure commencing with Section 630.01 and California Rules of Court, rules 3.1545 through 3.1552. If applicable, notify the court at your first Case Management Conference.

## **Expedited Jury Trial Information Sheet**

This information sheet is for anyone involved in a civil lawsuit who is considering taking part in an expedited jury trial—a trial that is shorter and has a smaller jury than a traditional jury trial. Taking part in this type of trial means you give up your usual rights to appeal. Please read this information sheet before you agree to have your case tried under the expedited jury trial procedures.

This information sheet does not cover everything you may need to know about expedited jury trials. It only gives you an overview of the process and how it may affect your rights. You should discuss all the points covered here and any questions you have about expedited jury trials with your attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you should consult with one before . . . agreeing to an expedited jury trial.

## What is an expedited jury trial?

An expedited jury trial is a short trial, generally lasting only one day. It is intended to be quicker and less expensive than a traditional jury trial.

As in a traditional jury trial, a jury will hear your case and will reach a decision about whether one side has to pay money to the other side. An expedited jury trial differs from a regular jury trial in several important ways:

- The trial will be shorter. Each side has 3 hours to put on all its witnesses, show the jury its evidence, and argue its case.
- The jury will be smaller. There will be 8 jurors instead of 12.
- Choosing the jury will be faster. The parties will exercise fewer challenges.
- All parties must waive their rights to appeal. In order to help keep down the costs of litigation, there are no appeals following an expedited jury trial except in very limited circumstances. These are explained more fully in (5).

## Will the case be in front of a judge?

The trial will take place at a courthouse and a judge, or, if you agree, a temporary judge (a court commissioner or an experienced attorney whom the court appoints to act as a judge) will handle the trial.

#### Does the jury have to reach a unanimous decision?

No. Just as in a traditional civil jury trial, only threequarters of the jury must agree in order to reach a decision in an expedited jury trial. With 8 people on the jury, that means that at least 6 of the jurors must agree on the verdict in an expedited jury trial.

# 4 Is the decision of the jury binding on the parties?

Generally, yes, but not always. A verdict from a jury in an expedited jury trial is like a verdict in a traditional jury trial. The court will enter a judgment based on the verdict, the jury's decision that one or more defendants will pay money to the plaintiff or that the plaintiff gets no money at all.

But parties who agree to take part in expedited jury trials are allowed to make an agreement before the trial that guarantees that the defendant will pay a certain amount to the plaintiff even if the jury decides on a lower payment or no payment. That agreement may also put a cap on the highest amount that a defendant has to pay, even if the jury decides on a higher amount. These agreements are known as "high/low agreements." You should discuss with your attorney whether you should enter into such an agreement in your case and how it will affect you.

## Why do I give up most of my rights to appeal?

To keep costs down and provide a faster end to the case, all parties who agree to take part in an expedited jury trial must agree to waive the right to appeal the jury verdict or decisions by the judicial officer concerning the trial unless one of the following happens:

- Misconduct of the judicial officer that materially affected substantial rights of a party;
- Misconduct of the jury; or
- Corruption or fraud or some other bad act that prevented a fair trial.

In addition, parties may not ask the judge to set the jury verdict aside, except on those same grounds. Neither you nor the other side will be able to ask for a new trial on the grounds that the jury verdict was too high or too low, that legal mistakes were made before or during the trial, or that new evidence was found later.

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## 6 How else is an expedited jury trial different?

The goal of the expedited jury trial process is to have shorter and less expensive trials. The expedited jury trial rules set up some special procedures to help this happen. For example, the rules require that several weeks before the trial takes place, the parties show each other all exhibits and tell each other what witnesses will be at the trial. In addition, the judge will meet with the attorneys before the trial to work out some things in advance.

The other big difference is that the parties can make agreements about how the case will be tried so that it can be tried quickly and effectively. These agreements may include what rules will apply to the case, how many witnesses can testify for each side, what kind of evidence may be used, and what facts the parties already agree to and so do not need to take to the jury. The parties can agree to modify many of the rules that apply to trials generally or even to expedited jury trials (except for the four rules described in (1).

## (7) Who can have an expedited jury trial?

The process can be used in any civil case that the parties agree may be tried in a single day. To have an expedited jury trial, both sides must want one. Each side must agree that it will use only three hours to put on its case and agree to all the other rules in 1 above. The agreements between the parties must be put into writing in a document called a Proposed Consent Order Granting an Expedited Jury Trial, which will be submitted to the court for approval. The court must issue the consent order as proposed by the parties unless the court finds good cause why the action should not proceed through the expedited jury trial process.

# 8 Can I change my mind after agreeing to an expedited jury trial?

No, unless the other side or the court agrees. Once you and the other side have agreed to take part in an expedited jury trial, that agreement is binding on both sides. After you enter into the agreement, it can be changed only if both sides want to change it or stop the process or if a court decides there are good reasons the expedited jury trial should not be used in the case. This is why it is important to talk to your attorney before agreeing to an expedited jury trial.

You can find the law and rules governing expedited jury trials in Code of Clvil Procedure sections 630.01-630.12 and in rules 3.1545-3.1552 of the California Rules of Court. You can find these at any county law library or online. The statutes are online at www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html. The rules are at www.courts.ca.gov/rules.

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## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKAGE

#### NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF(S) AND/OR CROSS-COMPLAINANT(S):

Rule 3.221(c) of the California Rules of Court requires you to serve a copy of the ADR Information Package along with the complaint and/or cross-complaint.

California Rules of Court - Rule 3.221 Information about Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- (a) Each court shall make available to the plaintiff, at the time of filing of the complaint, an ADR Information Package that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:
  - (1) General information about the potential advantages and disadvantages of ADR and descriptions of the principal ADR processes.
  - (2) Information about the ADR programs available in that court, including citations to any applicable local court rules and directions for contacting any court staff responsible for providing parties with assistance regarding ADR.
  - (3) Information about the availability of local dispute resolution programs funded under the Dispute Resolutions Program Act (DRPA), in counties that are participating in the DRPA. This information may take the form of a list of the applicable programs or directions for contacting the county's DRPA coordinator.
  - (4) An ADR stipulation form that parties may use to stipulate to the use of an ADR process.
- (b) A court may make the ADR Information Package available on its Web site as long as paper copies are also made available in the clerk's office.
- (c) The plaintiff must serve a copy of the ADR Information Package on each defendant along with the complaint. Cross-complainants must serve a copy of the ADR Information Package on any new parties to the action along with the cross-complaint.

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE

#### **ADR Information**

#### introduction.

Most civil disputes are resolved without filing a lawsuit, and most civil lawsuits are resolved without a trial. The courts and others offer a variety of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes to help people resolve disputes without a trial. ADR is usually less formal, less expensive, and less time-consuming than a trial. ADR can also give people more opportunity to determine when and how their dispute will be resolved.

#### BENEFITS OF ADR.

Using ADR may have a variety of benefits, depending on the type of ADR process used and the circumstances of the particular case. Some potential benefits of ADR are summarized below.

Save Time. A dispute often can be settled or decided much sooner with ADR; often in a matter of months, even weeks, while bringing a lawsuit to trial can take a year or more.

Save Money. When cases are resolved earlier through ADR, the parties may save some of the money they would have spent on attorney fees, court costs, experts' fees, and other litigation expenses.

Increase Control Over the Process and the Outcome. In ADR, parties typically play a greater role in shaping both the process and its outcome. In most ADR processes, parties have more opportunity to tell their side of the story than they do at trial. Some ADR processes, such as mediation, allow the parties to fashion creative resolutions that are not available in a trial. Other ADR processes, such as arbitration, allow the parties to choose an expert in a particular field to decide the dispute.

Preserve Relationships. ADR can be a less adversarial and hostile way to resolve a dispute. For example, an experienced mediator can help the parties effectively communicate their needs and point of view to the other side. This can be an important advantage where the parties have a relationship to preserve.

Increase Satisfaction. In a trial, there is typically a winner and a loser. The loser is not likely to be happy, and even the winner may not be completely satisfied with the outcome. ADR can help the parties find win-win solutions and achieve their real goals. This, along with all of ADR's other potential advantages, may increase the parties' overall satisfaction with both the dispute resolution process and the outcome.

Improve Attorney-Client Relationships. Altorneys may also benefit from ADR by being seen as problem-solvers rather than combatants. Quick, cost-effective, and satisfying resolutions are likely to produce happier clients and thus generate repeat business from clients and referrals of their friends and associates.

#### DISADVANTAGES OF ADR.

ADR may not be suitable for every dispute.

Loss of protections. If ADR is binding, the parties normally give up most court protections, including a decision by a judge or jury under formal rules of evidence and procedure, and review for legal error by an appellate court.

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Less discovery. There generally is less opportunity to find out about the other side's case with ADR than with litigation. ADR may not be effective if it takes place before the parties have sufficient information to resolve the dispute.

Additional costs. The neutral may charge a fee for his or her services. If a dispute is not resolved through ADR, the parties may have to put time and money into both ADR and a lawsuit.

Effect of delays if the dispute is not resolved. Lawsuits must be brought within specified periods of time, known as statues of limitation. Parties must be careful not to let a statute of limitations run out while a dispute is in an ADR process.

#### TYPES OF ADR IN CIVIL CASES.

The most commonly used ADR processes are arbitration, mediation, neutral evaluation and settlement conferences.

Arbitration. In arbitration, a neutral person called an "arbitrator" hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence are often relaxed. Arbitration may be either "binding" or "nonbinding." Binding arbitration means that the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final. Generally, there is no right to appeal an arbitrator's decision. Nonbinding arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they do not accept the arbitrator's decision.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Be Appropriate. Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Not Be Appropriate. If parties want to retain control over how their dispute is resolved, arbitration, particularly binding arbitration, is not appropriate. In binding arbitration, the parties generally cannot appeal the arbitrator's award, even if it is not supported by the evidence or the law. Even in nonbinding arbitration, if a party requests a trial and does not receive a more favorable result at trial than in arbitration, there may be penalties.

Mediation. In mediation, an impartial person called a "mediator" helps the parties try to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of the dispute. The mediator does not decide the dispute but helps the parties communicate so they can try to settle the dispute themselves. Mediation leaves control of the outcome with the parties.

Cases for Which Mediation May Be Appropriate. Mediation may be particularly useful when parties have a relationship they want to preserve. So when family members, neighbors, or business partners have a dispute, mediation may be the ADR process to use. Mediation is also effective when emotions are getting in the way of resolution. An effective mediator can hear the parties out and help them communicate with each other in an effective and nondestructive manner.

Cases for Which Mediation May Not Be Appropriate. Mediation may not be effective if one of the parties is unwilling to cooperate or compromise. Mediation also may not be effective if one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

Neutral Evaluation. In neutral evaluation, each party gets a chance to present the case to a neutral person called an "evaluator." The evaluator then gives an opinion on the strengths and weaknesses of each party's evidence and arguments and about how the dispute could be resolved. The evaluator is

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often an expert in the subject matter of the dispute. Although the evaluator's opinion is not binding, the parties typically use it as a basis for trying to negotiate a resolution of the dispute,

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Be Appropriate. Neutral evaluation may be most appropriate in cases in which there are technical issues that require special expertise to resolve or the only significant issue in the case is the amount of damages.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Not Be Appropriate. Neutral evaluation may not be appropriate when there are significant personal or emotional barriers to resolving the dispute.

Settlement Conferences. Settlement conferences may be either mandatory or voluntary. In both types of settlement conferences, the parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or a neutral person called a "settlement officer" to discuss possible settlement of their dispute. The judge or settlement officer does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. Settlement conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. Mandatory settlement conferences are often held close to the date a case is set for trial.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

In addition to mediation, arbitration, neutral evaluation, and settlement conferences, there are other types of ADR, including conciliation, fact finding, mini-trials, and summary jury trials. Sometimes parties will try a combination of ADR types. The important thing is to try to find the type or types of ADR that are most likely to resolve your dispute.

To locate a dispute resolution program or neutral in your community:

- Contact the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Consumer Information Center, toll free, 1-800-852-5210
- Contact the Orange County Bar Association at (949) 440-6700
- Look in the Yellow Pages under "Arbitrators" or "Mediators"

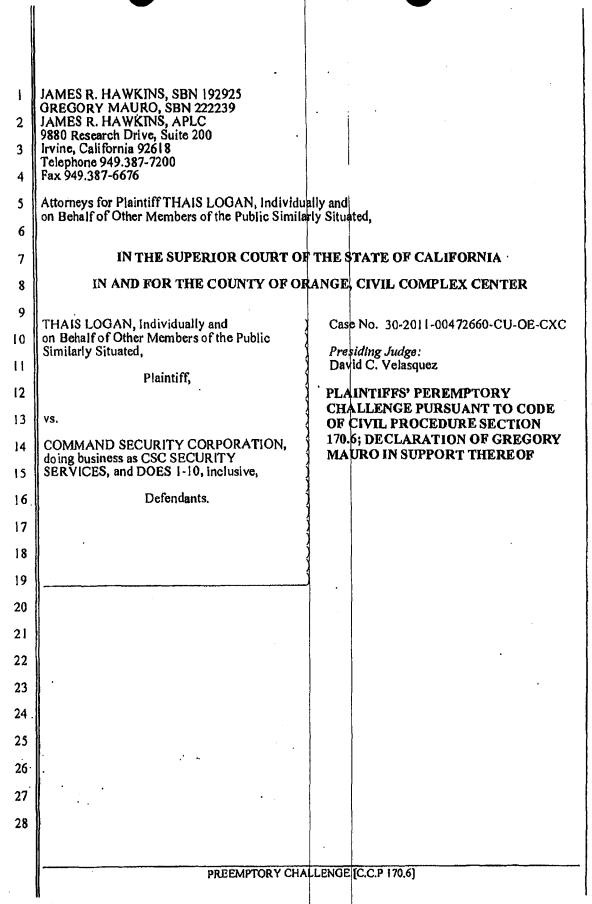
Free mediation services are provided under the Orange County Dispute Resolution Program Act (DRPA) For information regarding DRPA, contact:

- Community Service Programs, Inc. (949) 851-3168
- Orange County Human Relations (714) 834-7198

For information on the Superior Court of California, County of Orange court ordered arbitration program. refer to Local Rule 360.

The Orange County Superior Court offers programs for Civil Mediation and Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE). For the Civil Mediation program, mediators on the Court's panel have agreed to accept a fee of \$300 for up to the first two hours of a mediation session. For the ENE program, members of the Court's panel have agreed to accept a fee of \$300 for up to three hours of an ENE session. Additional information on the Orange County Superior Court Civil Mediation and Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) pilot programs is available on the Court's website at www.occourts.org.

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## TO: PRESIDING JUDGE DAVID C. VELASUGEZ OF THE ABOVE ENTITLED COURT

Counsel for Plaintiff, Thais Logan hereby assert that this case which has been assigned to Judge Gail A. Andler in Department CX-102, be re-assigned from that Judge, and that no matters hereinafter arising in this action be heard by Judge Gail A. Andler. The Honorable Gail A. Andler is prejudiced against the interests of the Plaintiffs in this action. This motion is based on Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6 and the supporting declaration of Gregory Mauro attached hereto and filed herewith.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that the relief herein requested be granted.

Dated: May 25, 2011

JAMES R. HAWKINS, APLC

By: /s/ Gregory Mauro
JAMES R. HAWKINS
GREGORY MAURO Attorneys for Plaintiff THAIS LOGAN and the Plaintiff Class

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PREEMPTORY CHALLENGE [C.C.P 170.6]

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### DECLARATION OF GREGORY MAURO

I, Gregory Mauro, state and declare as follows:

- I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner with JAMES HAWKINS, APLC, attorneys of record for Plaintiff Thai Logan ("Plaintiff"). If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to all facts within my personal knowledge except where stated on information and belief.
  - 2. This declaration is made in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6.
- This case was assigned to Judge Gail A. Andler in Department CX-102 on May 3, 2011.
- 4. The Honorable Gail A. Andler, the judge to whom the case or trial of the aforesaid action has been assigned, is prejudiced against Plaintiff or his attorneys, or the interests of Plaintiff or her attorneys, so that I believe that Plaintiff cannot have a fair and impartial hearing or trial before this judge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 25th day of May, 2011 at Irvine, Galifornia.

/s/ Gregory Mauro Gregory Mauro

PREEMPTORY CHALLENGE [C.C.P 170.6]

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### **GENERAL DENIAL**

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Pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 431.30(d), Defendant denies, both generally and specifically, each and every allegation in the Complaint, and specifically denies that Plaintiff or any putative member of any purported class or representative action (hereinafter "putative class member") has been, is, or will be damaged in the amount alleged, or in any manner or sum whatsoever, or is entitled to any recovery or remedy of any type whatsoever, by reason of any of Defendant's acts, conduct, or omissions.

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#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

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Without waiving or excusing the burden of proof of Plaintiff or of any putative class member, or admitting that Defendant has any burden of proof, or admitting that any of these affirmative defenses are in fact affirmative defenses as to which Defendant bears the burden of proof, as opposed to matters on which Plaintiff and the putative class member bear the burden of proof, Defendant asserts the following separate affirmative defenses.

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#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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### [Failure to State a Cause of Action]

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1. The Complaint, in whole or in part, fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action brought on behalf of Plaintiff and/or any putative class member.

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ANSWER TO UNVERIFIED COMPLAINT

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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[Statutes of Limitations]

2. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred in whole or in part by the applicable statutes of limitations, including without limitation, the limitations periods prescribed in California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 337(1), 338(a), 339(1), 340(a) and/or 343; and/or California Business and Professions Code Section 17208.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Excuse]

3. Defendant's obligations, if any, were excused.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Estoppel]

4. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff and the putative class members are estopped by their own conduct to claim any right to damages or other monetary relief from Defendant.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Laches]

5. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of laches.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Unclean Hands]

6. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, by unclean hands and/or inequitable or wrongful conduct.

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### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Waiver]

7. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, because such claims have been waived, discharged and/or abandoned.

### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Good Faith]

8. Neither Plaintiff nor any putative class member is entitled to any penalty or liquidated damages award, including, but not limited to any penalties or liquidated damages under California Labor Code Sections 203, 210, 226, 226.3, and/or 226.7; the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders; California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200-17208 and/or penalties alleged in the Complaint, since, at all relevant times, Defendant acted in good faith and had reasonable grounds for believing that it did not violate relevant laws or the specified provisions.

#### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### [Compliance With Legal Obligations]

9. Defendant complied, or sought in good faith to comply, with all obligations under the law.

#### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Consent/Ratification]

Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, 10. are barred, in whole or in part, by Plaintiff and putative class members' express or implied consent to the conduct of which they complain and/or ratification of that conduct.

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## **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

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and/or penalties alleged in the Complaint, since, at all relevant times, Defendant did not act

### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Unjust Enrichment]

12. The imposition of any liability upon Defendant would unjustly enrich Plaintiff and/or the putative class members.

### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [On Duty Meal Periods]

The first cause of action of the Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, since 13. Defendant has complied with the provisions of Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 11040 and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order concerning on duty meal periods.

### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Release]

14. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, because such claims have been released in exchange for full and adequate consideration.

ANSWER TO UNVERIFIED COMPLAINT

## FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE [Settlement]

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Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, 15. are barred, in whole or in part, by any prior settlement of such claims.

#### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Accord and Satisfaction]

16. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of accord and satisfaction.

#### SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Res Judicata/Collateral Estoppel]

17. Each purported cause of action in the Complaint may be barred, in whole or in part. by the doctrine(s) of res judicata and/or collateral estoppel.

#### EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Mitigation of Damages]

18. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff and each such putative class member have not appropriately nor adequately mitigated their alleged damages.

#### NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Setoff]

If Plaintiff or any putative class member has sustained any damages, which 19. Defendant specifically denies, Defendant is entitled under the equitable doctrine of setoff and recoupment to offset any monies paid by Defendant to Plaintiff and/or the putative class members against any judgment that may be entered.

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## TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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### [Unconstitutionality of Penalties or Punitive Damages]

Neither Plaintiff nor any putative class member is entitled to recover any punitive 20. or penal damages, such as the statutory penalties Plaintiff and the putative class members seek under California Labor Code Sections 203, 210, 226, 226.3, and/or 226.7; the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders; or California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200-17208, because any award of such penalties or liquidated damages would, in general or under the facts of the particular claims, violate Defendant's constitutional rights under the provisions of the United States and California Constitutions including, but not limited to, the due process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and the excessive fines and the cruel and unusual punishment clauses of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution, as well as the due process and excessive fines clauses contained in the California Constitution.

#### TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### [Comparative Fault of Others]

The alleged damages, injuries, and/or losses suffered by Plaintiff and/or the 21. putative class members, if any, proximately resulted from the negligence or conduct of parties, persons, and/or entities other than Defendant, and the liability of Defendant, if any, is, as a result, altogether barred or limited in direct proportion to the percentage of fault or responsibility actually attributable to Defendant.

#### TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### [Comparative Fault of Plaintiff and Putative Class Members]

Plaintiff's and putative class members' alleged damages, injuries, and/or losses, if 22. any, were proximately caused and contributed to by the negligence or conduct of Plaintiff and putative class members, and, by reason thereof, any recovery by such Plaintiff or putative class members against Defendant is altogether barred or must be reduced by an amount equal to the

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#### TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Injunctive Relief Improper]

23. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, for injunctive relief are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff and each such putative class member have an adequate and complete remedy at law and/or cannot make the other requisite showings to obtain injunctive relief.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Plaintiff/Putative Class Members Paid Statutorily-Required Compensation]

Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, 24. are barred, in whole or in part, because at all relevant times, Plaintiff and each such putative class member were paid any statutorily-required compensation in accordance with applicable law.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [No Actual Injury]

25. Each purported cause of action in the Complaint brought under California Labor Code Section 226 is barred on the grounds that neither Plaintiff nor any putative class member suffered any actual injury as a result of any alleged violation of Section 226 by Defendant.

### TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Substantial Compliance]

Defendant substantially complied with all obligations under the law. 26.

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#### TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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### [Lack of Standing]

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27. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, for lack of standing.

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### TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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### [No Class Action or Representative Action]

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28. Plaintiff and the putative class members have failed to allege and cannot prove the facts and prerequisites necessary to the maintenance of either a class or representative action.

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#### TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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### [Failure of Condition Precedent]

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29. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, by their failure to fulfill a condition precedent to Defendant's duty to perform.

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#### THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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### [Arbitration as Exclusive Remedy]

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30. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member, or some of them, are barred, in whole or in part, on the ground that their exclusive remedy for such claims is final and binding arbitration, and Plaintiff and the putative class members have failed to pursue or

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exhaust said arbitration procedure.

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### THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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### [Failure to Exhaust Internal and/or Administrative Remedies]

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31. Plaintiff's claims and the claims of each putative class member are barred, in whole or in part, because they failed to exhaust available internal Defendant remedies and/or other available administrative remedies.

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### THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### [Due Process]

Each purported cause of action in the Complaint is barred to the extent that Plaintiff 32. or any putative class member alleges claims under California Labor Code Section 221 and/or California Business and Professions Code Section 17200, et seq., since those claims violate the rights of Defendant to substantive and procedural due process as provided under the United States and California Constitutions on the grounds that the damages, if any, of Plaintiff and each putative class member require complicated proof of numerous individualized issues, that serious fundamental due process questions are raised, and that administrative proceedings available through the California Department of Industrial Relations provide Plaintiff and the putative class members with an inexpensive and effective remedy.

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#### THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Invalid Regulations]

The regulations and/or administrative interpretations (or some of them), which 33. form the basis for some or all of Plaintiff's and the putative class members' claims are invalid or unconstitutional.

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### THIRTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### [Reservation of Rights]

Defendant does not presently know all of the facts and circumstances respecting 34. Plaintiff's and the putative class members' claims. Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer should it later discover facts demonstrating the existence of additional affirmative defenses.

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the county of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, 11377 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90064-1683.

On June 30, 2011, I served a copy of the foregoing document described as ANSWER TO UNVERIFIED COMPLAINT on the interested parties in this action at their last known address as set forth below by taking the action described below:

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BY PLACING FOR COLLECTION AND MAILING: I placed the above-mentioned document(s) in sealed envelope(s) addressed as set forth above, and placed the envelope(s) for collection and mailing following ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at 11377 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90064-1683 in the ordinary course of business.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on June 30, 2011, at Los Angeles, California

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

#### NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Andrew Guilford and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is John E. McDermott.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

SACV11- 980 AG (JEMx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge
NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is

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Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

**Western Division** 

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Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

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(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address yourself, provide same.)  James R. Hawkins, SBN 19292: James R. Hawkins, APLC 9880 Research Drive, Suite 200  II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Plate of the provided of the provid	7.7200  III. CITIZENSH (Place an X in Citizen of This Sta	te d	Knupp LLP Ivd.  ; Phone 310  ARTIES - 1 d one for do  TF DEF 1	For Diversity Cases	Principal Place is State	PTF	DEF - 4	
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V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: Yes  No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)  CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23  Yes  No  MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$  VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)  Diversity Jurisdiction: 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1453; Class Action Fairness Act More than \$5,000,000 Claimed and More Than 100 Persons in Alleged Class								
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861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))			
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)			
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))			
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))			
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.			
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))			

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